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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 8295	MAY 3 0 2007
Gary K. Michelson Serial No.: 09/921,844 Filed: August 3, 2001 For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE CONFIGURATION)))	Group Art Unit: 3738 Examiner: Bruce E. Snow	
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Sir:

Commissioner for Patents

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Prior to the further examination and in reply to the Final Office Action of February 21, 2007, the period for reply having been extended for one (1) month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.